

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 30, 2012

Agenda Item: 2012 Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Upland Game Bird and Waterfowl Regulations

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Endorse Rule/Action

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the State of Montana have entered into a positive, cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation that provides for presentation of Tribal season-setting products to the FWP Commission. Regional FWP staff is included in the development of Tribal upland game bird regulations. Tribal recommendations are first presented to the Flathead Reservation Fish and Wildlife Board. The board votes on tentative proposals and opens them to general public review and comment. The board then meets for final adoption. Adopted final proposals are then presented to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council. FWP commission endorsement is subject to final Tribal Council approval.

Other than text style, format and/or presentation, the significant differences between these Tribal regulations and the current or proposed FWP upland bird and waterfowl regulations are:

- Tribal shooting hours primarily being sunrise to sunset for all game birds;
- A requirement that only non-toxic shot be used for all game birds on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Public Involvement Process & Results

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal process includes public comment.

Alternatives and Analysis

None considered at this time.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Recommend endorsement of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes upland game bird and waterfowl regulations subject to Tribal Council approval.

Proposed Motion

I move that the FWP Commission endorse the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes upland game bird and waterfowl regulations as presented and subject to final Tribal Council approval.